2. Each bidder shall deposit a sum of Rs. 50 as earnest money before he is permitted to bid, which will be returned to him at the close of the sale, if his bid be not accepted and at the termination of the sale period, if the sale be accepted.

3. The District Forest Officer reserves to himself the power of accepting or rejecting any bid without assigning any reason therefor.

4. The accepted bidder shall deposit a further sum of Rs. 50 within a week from the date on which the confirmation of the sale is intimated to him and shall execute an agreement accepting the terms specified below, failing which the deposit already placed will be forfeited to Government and the produce resold at the risk of original purchaser who will be liable for loss but not entitle to any profits thereon.

(*a*) That he binds himself to fell and remove the timber and fuel he has purchased before the 15th June 1917.

(*b*) That felling shall be made in a methodical manner from one side leaving out all standard trees marked on the area. All trees cut must be coppiced well.

(*c*) That trees felled shall be dressed on the spot and the outturn of fuel from the branch pieces and from other trees not fit for timber shall be cut and billeted and the same removed and stacked in a spot selected for the purpose by the District Forest Officer or the Range Forest Officer. The stacks of fuel built should be rectangular in shape and be of such dimensions that the cubical contents thereof are 68 cubic feet or a multiple thereof; 68 cubic feet being considered as equivalent to one ton.

(*d*) That while removing the white wood, knots and flutes, in dressing the logs, no unnecessary waste should be caused.

(*e*) That he binds himself to pay for and remove all marketable portion of a tree either in logs or in pieces billeted as fuel.

(*f*) That the timber and fuel removed and stacked in the selected spot shall be measured and the logs stamped by the Range Officer or such other officer deputed for the purpose.

(*g*) That all removal shall be effected under pass-ports issued by the Range Officer, which will be done only on presentation of the Treasury receipt for the value of the timber or fuel the purchaser intends to remove.

(*h*) That if any standard tree marked in the area is felled, he will pay a fine not exceeding Rs. 10 per tree.

(*i*) That timber or fuel paid for, but not removed, within one month of the termination of the period of contract, shall lapse to Government, as also the timber or fuel not paid for before the 15th June 1917.

(*j*) That he agrees to abide by the rules of the department as regards kindling of fires and holds himself responsible for any forest offences committed by his agents, employees or workmen.

(*k*) That he agrees to maintain a register in the form prescribed by the District Forest Officer for the purpose showing the number of trees felled and the outturn of timber and fuel resulting therefrom and it will be open to the examination of all Forest Officers above the grade of guards.

(*l*) That no operations should take place in the forest either before sunrise or after sunset.

(*m*) That he agrees to the cancellation of the contract and the forfeiture of his deposit for breach of any of the terms of the contract.

D. RAJA RAO,
District Forest Officer.

CHANNAGIRI RANGE.

PAPLI BARK.

Auction sale Notification dated 15th November 1916.

It is hereby notified for general information that the exclusive right of collecting papli bark on all Government unoccupied lands, plantations and State Forest from 15th December 1916 to 30th June 1917, in the Channagiri Range, will be sold by public auction by the District Forest Officer or the Range Forest Officer concerned on the 9th December 1916 at the Channagiri Range Office. The auction will commence at 2 P.M.

2. Defaulters on account of leases will not be permitted to bid.

3. No person will be allowed to bid unless he has deposited with the officer holding the sale, a sum of Rs. 20. The deposits of unsuccessful bidders will be returned immediately after the sale.

4. The exclusive right of collecting and removing the produce above described will be disposed of to the highest bidder subject to the confirmation of the District Forest Officer, who at his discretion, may accept or reject the highest or any other bid without assigning any reason thereof.

5. The successful bidder shall, at the close of the sale, credit into the Taluk Treasury one-quarter of the total rental including the deposit already made together with local cess at one anna per rupee. In default, the deposit will be forfeited and the right resold. Such resale will be at the risk of the defaulting purchasers, who will be liable to make good any loss, that may result to Government by it, but will not participate in any profit accruing therefrom.

6. If the sale is not confirmed by the District Forest Officer, the amount paid will be refunded to the party.

7. Within ten days of the information of the confirmation of the sale, the accepted bidder shall execute an agreement on a duly stamped paper binding himself to observe the conditions hereunder mentioned. In default, the acceptance of his bid will be revoked, the money already paid forfeited and the right resold. At the same time, he shall deposit in the Government Savings Bank one-quarter of the sale amount as security for the due fulfilment of the conditions of the lease, which will be returned to him after the expiry of the period of lease.

N.B.—The Government will not make any extra demand for lands resigned from occupation and the lessee shall not be entitled to any rebate on account of lands taken up for cultivation during the currency of the lease. Further conditions to be entered in the agreement.

(*a*) To hold himself responsible to prevent the cutting of tender stems under one year by himself, his servants or agents.

(*b*) To furnish a list of sub-contractors and mestris, who may be appointed by him for the collection of the bark.

(*c*) To work out the lease himself and not to transfer or sublet it to others without the previous sanction of the District Forest Officer.

(*d*) The barked wood to be the property of the lessee.

(*e*) To keep accounts showing the quantity of the bark collected and removed in accordance with the lease and to permit the inspection of such accounts by the District Forest Officer or Range Officer or any other officer deputed by either of them.

(*f*) To render every month to the District Forest Officer an account of quantity of the bark collected and carted during the month.

(*g*) To provide printed passes for the export of the bark under his signature for cart-load in such form as may be prescribed by the District Forest Officer.

(*h*) The lessee should be held responsible for the occurrence of any fire within the State Forests or plantations, if there is sufficient reason for the Forest Department to think that it has been caused by his negligence or by that of his employees. He must be ready to pay such penalty as may be fixed by the District Forest Officer in all such cases.

(*i*) To remove out of the limit of the district before 31st July 1917, all bark collected and stored under the terms of this lease.

(*j*) In the event of the breach of any of the above conditions, the security amount will be liable to forfeiture in whole or part at the discretion of the District Forest Officer.

N. CHINNIAH CHETTY,
Sub-Assistant Conservator.